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### To Christmas Shoppers.

## Municipal Debts in England

### California's Race Problem.

Cincinnati spends \$129,000 a year to main ain its public library, and the appro-

a matter of theory, but a matter of fact

## Borrowed Jingle.

WHEN SANTA CLAUS FORGETS.

# ENGLAND'S MUNICIPAL DEBTS

Some of the Socialistic Cities of England Are Now so Heavily Burdened That They Can't Get Out of Dest For Centuries.

Loaded Down for Centuries.

The estimates on some of the undertakings started within the last eight or ten years indicate that they will be paid for within a generation, while the date of utilinate ownership of the older enterprises is reckoned by centuries.

The reason for this apparent discrepancy is that none of the bonds for the heaver enterprises have yet matured, so there have been in second leans. The dates named are the ones when the present issues mature, but in no instance is the proportionate amount of money in the treasury to redeem them.

I have ano credited each municipality with the amount of money supposed to be in the sinking fund, whereas this money is not in any fund, but is invested in other enterprises and in many instance, secumdered.

Finnsign in municipal trading is made.

The Taxation System.

Bonds at a Discount.

has gone on until municipal bonds ow issued at heavy discounts. There requirement here as in California

offices.

Y English municipalities go farther, provide public baths, but they e enough for their use to make them

INVESTMENTS OF ENGLISH CITIES IN MUNICIPAL TRADING AND THEIR ENORMOUS INDESTEDNESS.

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# Poems You Ought to Know

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

No. 1024.

# Avarice

By EDMUND SPENSER.

Other selections from this author his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

And greedy Avarice by him did ride. And greedy Avarice by him did ride.
Upon a camel laden all with gold:
Two iron coffers hung on either side,
With precious metal full as they might hold:
And in his lap a heap of coin he told;
For of his wicked pelr his God he made,
And unto hell himself for money sold;
Accursed usury was all his trade;
And right and wrong alike in equal balance weighed.

His life was nigh unto death's door yplaced, His life was nigh unto death's door yplaced,
And threadbare coat and cobbled shoes he ware;
Ne scarce good morsel all his life did taste;
But both from back and belly still did spare,
To fill his bags, and riches to compare;
Yet child nor kinsman living had he none
To leave them to; but thorough daily care
To get, and nightly fear to lose, his own. He led a wretched life unto himself unknown.

Most wretched wight, whom nothing might suffice, Whose greedy lust did lack in greatest store. Whose need had end, but no end covetize, Whose wealth was want, whose plenty made him poor,
Who had enough, yet wished evermore;
A vile disease; and eke in foot and hand
A grievous gout tormented him full sore,
That well he could not touch, nor go, nor stand,
Such one was Avarice, the fourth of this fair band.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1901. One-is published each day,

for three years the Liberal party has fought against carrying out this recommendation for a new system of audit. For three years the scandal of the present eyem has been growing. This projection afforded by the Liberals has been telem by many nembers of the ring for license to rob municipalities of their carrouright, and to cover the theft by further manipulation of accounts confident that the thefts will never be detected.

## In One Borough.

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By way of practical illustration of the local tax rate I shall take the borough of Poplar, England. It has a population of iss,00), the borough government is under the control of the Socialist and union labor agritators, and it has probably embarked in as mane municipal trading enterprises as any borough in Great Britain. The current municipal rate for Poplar is tweive shillings on the pound of rental value. It amounts to this.

A workman runts a house for say \$50 a month. This means \$250 a year rental. The tray he must pay to the city for the year is just three-fifths of this sum, or \$144. In addition to the sum be must may an imperial tax of one shifting on each twenty shiftings that he carrie. And he owns nothine. If he rents a place of business he must pay the same rate on that.

I have used the borough of Poplar by way of illustration for the reason that it is referred to by the Socialist press as the paradise of municipal trading. The rates are considerably binder than these in the cities that trade less but I studied the tax rate of fifty large municipal trading cities in Great Britain and I have failed to end one in which the tax rate of the tax store the municipal trading. The most twice that of Los Angeles, \$1.20. I pefer to the taxes that so for the support of the municipality only. The limertal

(Special to The Times Dispatch ) CULFEPER, VA. December 16.—The Hywaters-Strother tragedy has strained

der arrest, until Mayor Alden Bell issond warrants of arrest against them this
evenius. They were admitted to bail, in
the sum of \$5,000 cach, which they readthy gave, and were released, the examination being adjourned until next Wednesday. The boudsmen were S. Russoll
Smith, county treasurer, Edward Perry,
R. T. Green and Dr. W. J. Strother.

# KING OSCAR IMPROVING.

Bulletin Confirms Unofficial Favorable Reports from the Palace. vorable Reports from the Palace.

STOCKHOLM. December 16.—This morning's builetin bore out the mora favorable unofficial news from the palace to-day, and showed that King Oscar's temperature was nearing normal, and that the other unsatisfactory symptoms were yielding to freatment. The builetin read as follows:

"The King bad silogether seven houre sleep during the night. His temperature this morning is 50.5. There is still an magnificant sectration of mucus in the traches. His heart's action has continued to improve somewhat, his pulse is still irregular, and his strangth is somewhat improved."

### KING OSCAR VERY ILL: CONDITION UNCHANGED

STOCKHOLM. December 18.—A bulletin issued at II o'clock to-night says:

"King Oscar slept about five hours, but his rest was romewhat disturbed. His hemerature and the condition of his iungs are unchanged. His heart action is nonewhat irregular."

The bulletin issued this evening was as follows:

The King passed a quiet day. He slept four hours. His temperature is 50s. The

four hours. His temperature is 20%. The action of the heart is unchanged. The catarrh of the truches is diminished."

# **Flowers** For the Holidays.

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